Separate receipt books may be issued in addition to *Patta* books, according to the practice in vogue in British districts.

(*b*) As per rules in force *Pattas* have to be granted to raiyats. Many of them do not obtain *pattas* as they are not issued in several cases. Such of the *pattas* as are issued remain with the raiyats and the taluk authorities do not check the entries in the *pattas* with the *khirdi* book and ascertain whether all the sums collected by the patels and shanbhogs have found a place in the *khirdi* register. This affords scope to patels and shanbhogs for misappropriating the collections. To avoid this, printed counterfoil receipt books (pages serially numbered) may be supplied to patels and shanbhogs with directions to grant receipts for all collections made by them and obtain to the counterfoils the signatures or thumb impressions of the payees. The counterfoils of these receipts may be produced at the treasury with the collections and the *khirdi* to enable the taluk authorities to verify the transactions and see that the entire amount collected has been duly accounted for.

It was argued that the *patta* need only show the demand and not the collections.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Specification of Survey number in *Khate, Khirdi* and *Patta.*

Mr. K. Ramanujiengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The survey number of the fields for which *kandayam* is paid may be ordered to be noted in the *khate*, *khirdi* and *patta.*

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 76.

The raiyat's right to forest trees.

Mr. K. S. Santhanam Iyengar, Closepet Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats do not know what rights they have in regard to the trees on their lands. The rights of the *khatedar* to the trees standing on his land may therefore be shown in the *patta.*

Reply of Government.—Section 41 of the Land Revenue Code is clear on the point. No action is necessary.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Preservation of *Khaneshumari* accounts.

Mr. Ramanujiengar, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.— The *Khaneshumari* accounts of villages may be permanently preserved. As per present practice, they are burnt after twelve years. Easement rights have limitation for twenty years and hence destruction of *Khaneshumari* accounts causes the obliteration of good evidence.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary.

SUBJECT No. 78.

Maintenance of *topes* on Government lands.

Messrs. B. Gundu Rao, D. Srikanta Rao and Gurunanja Wodeyar, Devanhalli taluk, and Subba Setti, Devanhalli Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—As *topes* are not being maintained properly now, steps may be taken either to get them maintained properly by the Revenue Department, or to hand them over to private individuals.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.